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Dear Sir:

The Examiner's attention is respectfully drawn to the documents listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(c)(2), Applicants request the Examiner to consider this Information Disclosure Statement, and to make of record the documents cited on the accompanying PTO form 1449 and that a copy of Form PTO-1449 be initialed by the Examiner and returned to the undersigned.

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It is believed that a fee of \$180.00 is required by the instant submission as it is after the receipt of the first Office Action on the merits and filed prior to the mailing of any final action, a notice of allowance or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application. However, if additional fees are required, or if any overpayment has been made, please charge Deposit Acct. No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sheet 1 of 1 ATTY. DOCKET NO. SERIAL NO. Based on Form PTO-1449 (3/90)930008-2069 10/089,392 APPLICANT LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY Wolf-Dieter Deckwer, Rolf-Joachim Mueller, (Use several sheets if necessary Ilona Kleeberg, & Joop van den Heuvel FILING DATE GROUP 7/10/2002 1652 U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS DOCUMENT NUMBER DATE CLASS SUBCLASS NAME FILING DATE **EXAMINER** INITIAL IF APPROPRIATE 12/10/1985 09/13/1982 AΑ 4,558,005 Goldwasser et al. 435 7 ΑB AC AD ΑE AF AG ΑH ΑI ΑJ ΑK FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS DOCUMENT NUMBER DATE COUNTRY CLASS **SUBCLASS** TRANSLATION YES NO ALΑM AN ΑO ΑP OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.) Knoerzer et al., "Expression of synthetic genes encoding bovine and human basic fibroblast growth factors (bFGFs) in Escherichia coli", Gene 75 (1989) AQ 21-30 Perez et al., "Cloning, characterization, and expression in Streptomyces lividans 66 of an extracellular lipase-encoding gene from Streptomyces sp. M11", AR Gene 123 (1993) 109-114 AS ΑU ΑV **EXAMINER** DATE CONSIDERED * EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through

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